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Fig. 1.

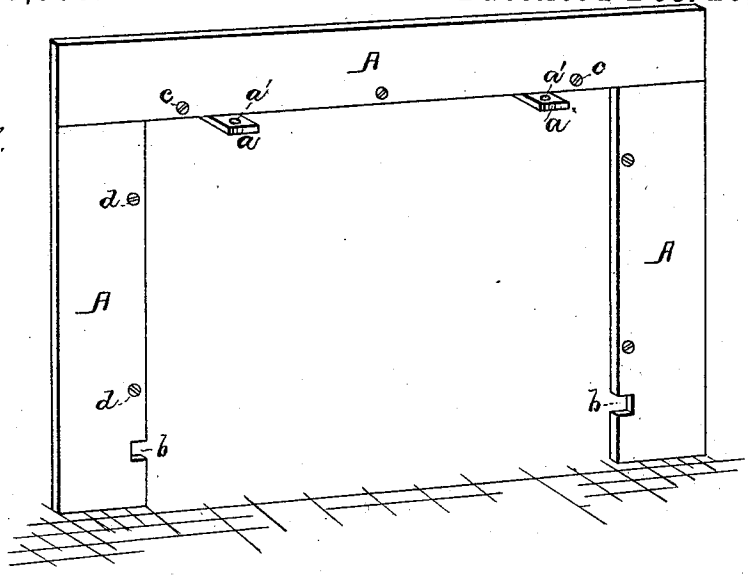


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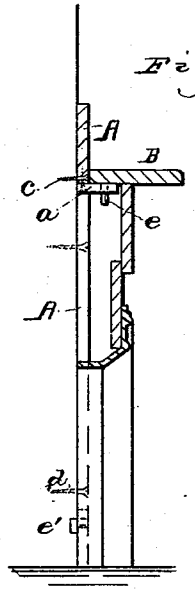
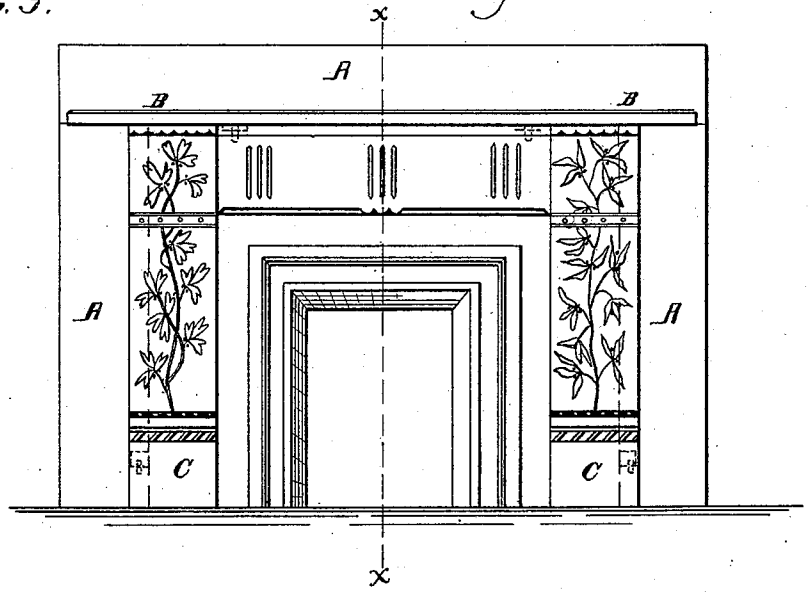


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. PAGE, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Mantels for Fire-Places, of which the following, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective representation of the wall-plates constituting a feature of my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view of the mantel, and Fig. 3 is a vertical central section in the plane of the line *x x* of Fig. 2.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts.

Customers entering a store where a number of portable mantels are on exhibition for sale, and after viewing the stock and selecting a mantel, are usually of the opinion that the mantel selected can at once be delivered and set up. In this they are generally mistaken, unless the mantel ordered happens to be of such a size as to fit the breast of the fire-place where it is to be located. Usually the customer is unable to give at once the proper measurements to the dealer, and so there is doubt as to whether the mantel desired is suitable for the place where it is to be set, and some delay in consummating the trade thereby results, and the customer is not infrequently disappointed on this account.

My object is to so construct portable mantels that they may be adapted with facility to fit different fire-places or chimneys; and my invention consists in the means, substantially as hereinafter set forth, which I employ for that purpose.

In the drawings, A A represent the wall-plates of a portable mantel. These wall-plates I make of wood, and to the lower edge of the horizontal or upper plate, A, I apply forwardly-projecting tongues or plates *a a*, in which are openings *a' a'*. In the inner edge of the vertical plates A and A, and near the lower ends thereof, I make notches *b b*, which may be made as deep as occasion may require. These wall-plates I set up in their proper places against the breast of the chimney or fire-place to which the mantel is to be applied. The upper or horizontal plate A, I make long enough to fit a breast having a span or width as great as is usually found in common experience. If this plate should be found to be too long, it will only be necessary to cut it off at the ends until it is suited to the breast to which it is to be applied. I then secure the upper plate A to the wall or breast by means of screws *c c* entering the said plate near its lower edge. The vertical plates A A are also secured to the wall or breast by means of screws entering them near their inner edges, as shown at *d d*.

B is the mantel-shelf, and C C are the pilasters.

e e are dowels depending from the lower or under side of the shelf B, and these dowels are adapted and arranged to enter the holes or openings *a' a'* when the mantel is applied to the wall-plates, substantially as hereinafter described.

e' e' are angle-plates or hooks projecting rearwardly from the pilasters, and adapted and arranged to enter the notches *b b*, substantially as hereinafter described.

After having set up the wall-plates and secured them to the breast of the fire-place or chimney in the manner described, I apply the mantel by so placing it that the pins *e e* will slip into the holes *a' a'*, and so that the hooks *e' e'* will at the same time enter the notches *b b* and slip down behind the vertical wall-plates A A. A number of mantels, all made of a uniform size, may thus be set up at as many different fire-places not having the same dimensions, and the wooden wall-plates will serve as a suitable finish. The mantel, when set, will also cover the tongues *a a*, the notches *b b*, and the screws or fastenings for securing the wall-plates to the wall.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A portable fire-place mantel in which are combined the wooden wall-plates A A and a mantel, the said mantel and wall-plates being adapted for a slip-lock connection to each other at or near both the tops and bottoms thereof, substantially as specified.

2. The wooden wall-plates A A, provided with the pierced tongues *a a*, and having therein the notches *b b*, in combination with a mantel provided with the dowels *e e* and hooks *e' e'*, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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